

Appl. No. 10/661,400  
Reply to Office Action of October 17, 2005

Remarks

Claims 55-108, 112-113, 118, 121-130, 132, 134-137, 139-141, 150, and 160-177 are pending.

The Office Action is requiring restriction to a single invention. In particular, the Office Action is requiring restriction to Group I (claims 55-69) drawn to a corneal appliance, Group II (claims 70-80) drawn to a method of making, and Group III (claims 81-108, 112, 113, 118, 121-130, 132, 143, 137, 139-141, 150, and 160-177) drawn to a method of vision correction.

As a preliminary matter, applicant notes that Group III has been indicated to include claim 143, and does not specifically include claims 134, 135, and 136. Claim 143 has been previously cancelled, and claims 134-136 are pending. Applicant assumes that claim "143" as identified in Group III is a typographical error, and that instead, Group III was intended to include claims 134-137 instead of claims "143, 137".

Applicant hereby elects with traverse the invention as defined in Group III (i.e., claims 81-108, 112, 113, 118, 121-130, 132, 134-137, 139-141, 150, and 160-177).

Applicant submits that a single search should be sufficient to examine all of the claims and therefore, there is no undue burden on the Examiner. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the restriction requirement and proceed to examine all of the claims.

In response to the Examiner's request to provide a list of all copending applications that set forth similar subject matter to the present claims, applicant submits that currently there are no other related copending U.S. patent applications of which

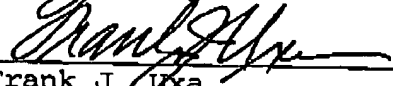
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the inventors are aware that set forth similar subject matter to the present claims.

In conclusion, applicant submits that the present reply is fully responsive to the restriction requirement. Applicant looks forward to receiving a favorable action on the merits. Should any matters remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to call (collect) applicant's attorney at the telephone number given below.

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